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On or about 17 Octobor leaders of the Albanian Government are said to 1. have discussed at meeting in Tirana, such matters as the Counttee for Free Albania and the possible formation of an Albanian Government-in-Exile; Yugoslav-Soviet relations; the Yugoslav victory in the United Nations; Belgrade support of anti-Hoxha Albanian refugees; the toraination of warfare in Greece; and the Albanian internal situation.

- Finding the Albanian position weak in the face of the above events, source 2. reports that the Albanian Government sent a request to Moscow for the following:
  - The loan of (1,500,000, already promised but not yet delivered. a.
  - Imaediato delivery to Albania of a certain proportion of the ships b. which the Soviets had received as war reparations from Axis countries.
  - Improvement of Soviot submarine bases in Albania. c.
  - d. Additional weapons for the Albanian troops.
  - Construction of three new airfields in Albania, and additional lau ching sites for "V" weapons.
  - Delivery of 70 artillery (sic) batteries, as previously promised. f.
  - Construction of an oil refinery in Albania. 8.
  - Resumption of work on coastal defense fortifications, which was allegedly discontinued last March.
  - Creation of a separate Air Corps in Rumania which could be transferred to Albania in the event of need.
  - Exchange of Albanian liaison officers with those of other satellite armies destined to invade Yugoslavia. This exchange had been agreed upon with the Soviets on 12 January 1949.

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- k. The speedy delivery of land and sea mines, previously offered.
- 1. A considerable increase in the number of Soviet civilian specialists to assist in the fulfillment of the Albanian economic plan by 1950, which had been approved by the Soviets on 20 August 1948.

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